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**** MEDIA ALERT ****

**CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION
CONCERTS AND EVENTS THROUGH APRIL 2 TO BE CANCELED OR
POSTPONED DUE TO STRIKE BY MUSICIANS OF THE CSO**

**Canceled Concerts include CSO Subscription Concerts with Esa-Pekka Salonen,
Symphony Center Presents Concerts with San Francisco Symphony and
Pianist Maurizio Pollini and CSO School and Family Concerts**

**Civic Orchestra Centennial Celebration Alumni Weekend and
Concert on April 1 to be Postponed**

CHICAGO –The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association (CSOA) has announced that CSOA-presented programs scheduled to take place at Symphony Center from Tuesday, March 26 through Tuesday, April 2 are canceled or postponed due to the ongoing strike by musicians of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

CSOA-presented concerts to be canceled include:

Symphony Center Presents Orchestras concert featuring the San Francisco Symphony with Music Director Michael Tilson Thomas and violinist Christian Tetzlaff on [Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m.](#)

CSO subscription concerts on [Thursday, March 28, at 8:00 p.m.](#), [Friday, March 29, at 8:00 p.m.](#), [Saturday, March 30, at 8:00 p.m.](#) and [Tuesday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m.](#) The program, which was to have been led by guest conductor Esa-Pekka Salonen, featured Strauss' *Also sprach Zarathustra* and Bartók's *Bluebeard's Castle* with soloists Michelle DeYoung (mezzo-soprano) and John Relyea (bass).

The school performances on [Friday, March 29](#) and family matinee performances on [Saturday, March 30](#) of *Flash Back*, *Flash Forward* featuring Members of the Chicago Symphony

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Orchestra. This program was to have been led by guest conductor Scott Speck. It was created in part to celebrate the 100th season of the CSO's series of concerts for children, and was set to feature pianist Yerin Yang, winner of the 2018 Crain-Maling CSO Young Artists Competition as soloist in Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*. More than 3,500 Chicago Public School (CPS) students were confirmed to attend the March 29 school concerts, with complimentary tickets and bus transportation provided by the CSOA, as part of the Negaunee Music Institute at the CSO's 2018/19 season-long free ticket initiative for CPS.

Symphony Center Presents Piano concert featuring Maurizio Pollini in a program of works by Brahms, Schumann and Chopin on [Sunday, March 31, at 3:00 p.m.](#)

All associated pre-concert special events from March 26 through April 2 are also canceled.

Patrons with tickets to canceled concerts have options including exchanging their tickets into future concerts, donating their tickets or requesting a refund. Additional information is available at cso.org or by calling Patron Services at 312-294-3000.

Civic Orchestra Centennial Celebration Alumni Weekend and April 1 Concert Postponed

The Civic Orchestra of Chicago's Centennial Celebration Alumni Weekend and Benefit Concert on [Monday, April 1, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.](#), has been postponed to a future date to be announced. This special event was set to mark the 100th season of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's prestigious training ensemble for emerging professional musicians. The program, which was to have been led by conductor Esa-Pekka Salonen featured the Civic Orchestra of Chicago and the CSO's Judson and Joyce Green Creative Consultant Yo-Yo Ma as soloist in Dvořák's Cello Concerto, and was to have been broadcast live on WFMT. Special events connected to the celebration including 100 performances by Civic Orchestra chamber ensembles and Yo-Yo Ma in a total of 100 CPS classrooms, and special events for Civic Orchestra alumni are also postponed.

Details for the postponed event will be announced at a later date. Tickets issued for the April 1 Civic Centennial Celebration will be honored for the new date. More information is available by calling Patron Services at 312-294-3000.

Announcements of cancellations for additional CSOA-presented concerts and events that may be affected by the strike will be issued if necessary.

Additional information related to the current negotiations is available at cso.org/negotiations.

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